

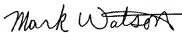
REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

This application is believed to be in condition for issuance because the specification, as amended, now includes a brief description of FIG. 9 as required by the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency dated October 31, 2008. Note that FIG. 9 was described in paragraph [0097] of the patent application as originally filed. The same language used in paragraph [0097] has been used to describe FIG. 9 in the Brief Description of Drawings. Consequently, no new matter has been added by way of the present amendment.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for issuance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding Notice of Drawing Inconsistency and to pass this application to issue at the earliest opportunity. In addition, in an effort to further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicant kindly invites the Examiner to telephone the Applicant's attorney at (805) 278-8855 if the Examiner has any additional questions or concerns.

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